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Past Experience:

Mining Engineer (Economic Evaluation), BLM/Casper Field Office, 2 years
Mining Engineer (Economic Evaluation), BLM/Wyoming State Office, 7 years
Mining / Project Engineer (Planning/Design/Permitting), Private Company, 5 years

Why did you apply for Project Management Training?

I applied for Project Management training for several reasons. First, to pursue an interest that I have in effectively managing projects. Secondly, to add to my existing skill set. Thirdly, in hopes of being given new opportunities and challenges within the BLM. And lastly, for the Masters Certificate in Project Management.

How would you rate the quality and content of the training you received?

Overall the training was very good and applicable to managing almost any type of formal project. The Software Testing class and the Systems Integration class were the least useful and the most poorly taught classes of the set. More emphasis on general project management would have been preferable. Having pre-tests and post-tests identical was a major disappointment. It was virtually impossible to distinguish if anyone had learned anything except test questions. Real training should provide for the possibility that some will not succeed in obtaining the final certificate. Simply attending and memorizing 25 multiple choice questions does not really qualify someone as a trained project manager.

How do you anticipate using your new skills?

I have already applied applicable skills from the training within my current projects, but ultimately, I am hoping that I will be given the opportunity to manage an entire project.

What type of project and in what program area would you like as your first project?

I am open as to the type and program area for my first project.